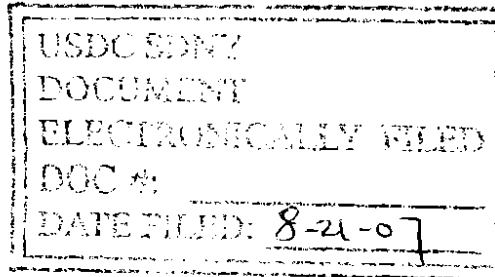


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SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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RONALD VENTURA, :

Plaintiff, : 07 Civ. 6677(JFK)

-against- :

STIPULATION AND ORDER


MERRILL LYNCH & CO., INC., MERRILL :
LYNCH, PIERCE, FENNER & SMITH, INC., :
and HENRY BLODGET, :

Defendants. :

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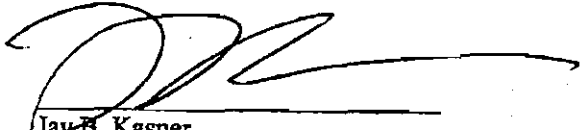
IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED AND AGREED by and between the undersigned
counsel for the parties hereto that defendants' time to answer, move or otherwise respond to the
complaint is extended to and including October 1, 2007. Defendants' time to answer, move or
otherwise respond currently expires August 20, 2007 and no previous request for an extension of
time has been made.

Dated: New York, New York
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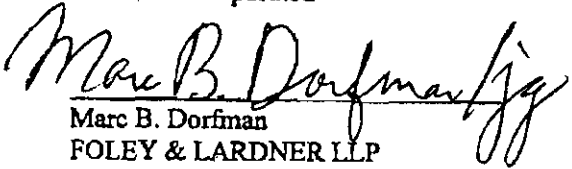
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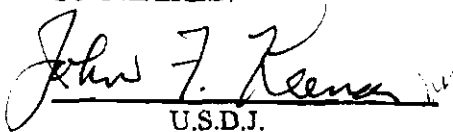


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